

DREVITA

CHATS ABOUT MEN.

The Diastons have a mausoleum in Central Laurel Hill cemetery, Philadelphia, that cost \$55,000.

Sir Francis Clare Ford, the new British minister to Constantinople, has served under the foreign office since 1882. He has invariably acquitted himself with credit.

John Thorpe, of New York, has been called the "father of the chrysanthemum," as it was largely through his effort that the flower was developed to its present popularity.

Governor Flower is quite as much of a sportsman in his line as is ex-President Cleveland. At trap shooting Mr. Flower is said to have made a score of 95 out of a possible 100.

The parents of ex-Senator Ingalls are still living at Haverhill, Mass. The father, now over eighty years of age, was the inventor of several useful machines employed in manufacturing shoes.

General E. F. Beale, of Washington, has on his farm near Baltimore the celebrated stallion that the sultan of Turkey presented to General Grant, and which General Grant gave to General Beale.

Mr. Robert Bruce, of New York, the venerable type founder, recently celebrated his ninetieth birthday. Mr. Bruce invented a machine for type casting that is used in every type foundry throughout the world.

Benjamin Poor was born in Raymond, N. H., Sept. 24, 1793, enlisted June, 1812, and was in service as a fife until mustered out November following. He is still living in Raymond and drawing a pension as a veteran of the war of 1812, and is in remarkably vigorous health.

TURF TOPICS.

Henry C. Jewett has a pacer named Frank Smith that does an eighth of a mile at a 1m. 52s. clip.

At New York recently 105 of Senator Stanford's trotters sold for a total of \$119,735, an average of \$1,140.83 per head.

"White Hat" McCarthy has purchased sixteen 2-year-olds from the estate of the late Senator Hearst; nine are by Cheviot, five by Jim Brown and two by imp. Trade Wind.

J. Malcolm Forbes is undecided yet whether he will have Axion handled for a faster record the coming season or not. It will depend entirely upon how the change of climate affects the colt.

Advertiser, 4 years old, by Electioneer, dam Lulu Wilkes, by George Wilkes, second dam Lulu, 2:15, by Alexander's Norman, has been selected to succeed Electioneer at the Palo Alto farm.

Monroe Saulsbury, owner of Direct, 2:06, says, "As we now have him fitted for this season with a sulky weighing sixty-five pounds and a set of harness weighing 4½ pounds, I expect him to go in 2:04."

The Columbia Driving Park association, of Columbia, Tenn., will give a \$10,000 stake for yearling trotters, a \$5,000 stake for yearling pacers and a \$2,500 consolation stake for yearling trotters.

Count Valensin, the owner of the champion yearling fillies Fausta, 2:23½, and Frou Frou, 2:25½, has presented his trainer, Millard Saunders, with a magnificent gold watch in appreciation of his great work with the youngsters.

AROUND THE THRONES.

The Russian Grand Duke Alexis owns a pet mongrel dog that has saved six human lives.

The Prince Helene Sagonko, who recently died in Poland, unmarried, at the age of fifty-seven, was a famous beauty in her youth, and was said to have once refused the hand of Napoleon III.

Contrary to the custom of his fathers, the late Khedive Tewfik, of Egypt, left but one widow. She was a princess of royal blood, her mother being a daughter of the sultan of Turkey and her father having been viceroy of Egypt.

Prince Iturbide, adopted son and heir of the Emperor Maximilian, and the grandson of Emperor Iturbide, is American born. His mother was a Miss Green, of Washington, and he first saw the light in that city of magnificent distances.

While a student in Vienna the khedive of Egypt was greatly averse to ceremony and allusions to his rank. In Paris one day he met one of his future subjects, who saluted him and addressed him as "Your highness." Thereupon Abbas replied, in excellent French, "You are mistaken; I am a Parisian."

RAILROAD JOTTINGS.

The New York commissioners state that 730 persons were killed and 1,728 injured on railways in that state during the year ending Sept. 30, 1891, as compared with 695 killed and 1,434 injured the previous year.

The Chicago and Alton has put in use a new style of local tickets which are limited to use one day beyond the date of issue, while purchasers of round trip tickets of the short time kind must use them on a continuous trip.

A large amount of new motive power will be added to the equipment of the Pennsylvania road during next year. Fully 250 engines will be built for use on the lines east of Pittsburgh and over 100 for the lines west of Pittsburgh.

The New York and Long Branch Railroad company, after considerable delay, has finally decided to build a station at North Asbury Park. The present station is a little dilapidated building, not only unattractive in appearance, but entirely inadequate to the demands of the town.

BEHIND THE SCENES.

Henry Irving is likely again to receive an offer of knighthood.

A Stradivarius violin, dated 1715, was lately sold at Monaco for 15,635 francs. Great Britain has 819 theaters and 180 variety shows. America has 4,563 theaters.

Eric Braddon, of the "Avenged" company, writes three sensational novels every year.

A new seven-year-old "prodigy" pianist has appeared in Vienna with extraordinary success. His name is Raoul Koczalski and he is a native of Poland.

A comic opera libretto by Sidney Rosenfeld, called "The Rainmaker of Syria," has been accepted by Manager Aronson for production at the Casino.

Augustus Pitou reads more plays than any other theatrical manager in America. "Never in the history of the drama," he says, "has there been such a scarcity of good plays."

Sarah Bernhart went shooting near Savannah and killed a number of birds. She violated the Sunday law and also a state law against shooting buzzards, and some people affect to be angry about it.

In accordance with the will of Emma Abbott, the famous singer, her ashes have been placed by Mr. Van Houghton and Mr. William Manning, the executors of the will, in the monument which contains the body of Eugene Irving Wetherell, the singer's husband.

The new "Henry VIII," it is calculated, must run at least sixty nights in London before Mr. Irving recoups himself for his preliminary and current expenses. He spent \$75,000 upon the revival before the curtain rose on Tuesday night, and the weekly expenses are \$4,000.

WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

A consignment of exhibits for the exposition—the first received from a foreign country—arrived at Chicago, Jan. 26, from Japan.

The French steamship line, Havre to New York, has agreed to return free all exhibits which it brings to the exposition at regular tariff rates.

Herr Wermuth, the imperial German World's fair commissioner, has already received nearly 2,000 applications for space from the intending exhibitors of his country.

The California World's fair state commissioners have authorized the formation of a woman's board. Each commissioner will appoint one member of this board. Each member is allowed \$1,000 a year for traveling expenses.

In Colorado's exhibit will appear a very complete showing of the flora of the state. Miss Alida P. Lansing, who has been in charge of the matter, gathered more than 1,000 varieties last summer, including fifteen or more which had never been classified.

The watchmakers of Switzerland, at a recent convention in Berne, decided to make an exhibit at Chicago of their finest and costliest watches, but not to attempt any competition with American manufacturers in cheaper grades. They have applied to the Swiss council for financial and other aid to enable them to make a creditable exhibit.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Barrels are being made successfully from paper in England.

On an average there are 23½ hours of sunshine a week in this country.

The great Hemet dam, at San Jacinto, Cal., is the largest dam in the world.

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The Hawaiian islands are twelve in number, four of which are but barren rocks, while of the remaining eight the four larger ones—Hawaii, Maui, Oahu and Kauai—are agricultural and pastoral, while Molokai, Lanai, Niihau and Kahoolawe are pastoral almost exclusively.

The Japanese festivals are easily remembered: First of first month, the New Year; 3d of third month, Feast of Dolls, for girls; 5th of fifth month, Feast of Flags, for boys; 7th of seventh month, the day for the God and Goddess of Love, Tomabata; 9th of ninth month, the "escape to the mountain," the Feast of Chrysanthemums.

WHISPERS ABOUT WOMEN.

Mrs. Gladstone recently passed her seventy-ninth birthday.

Lady Burdette-Coutts recently appeared in a rare gray dress with a brocade mantle of bright copper color.

Mrs. Y. N. Dunphy has succeeded to the business of her late husband, who was the largest billposter on the Pacific coast.

Another woman who has decided to risk the hardships of a journey in Africa is Baroness Anna von Vietinghoff-Scheel, the daughter of a German nobleman.

The wife of Justice Brown, of the United States supreme court, has in her possession a writing table on which Lafayette is believed to have indicated much of his correspondence while in America.

Lady Carlisle of England is engaged in home benevolence, and has arranged that none of her people shall work more than fifty-one hours a week—nine on ordinary days and six on Saturday—and she has also planned a series of servants' dances, to be given on her estate.

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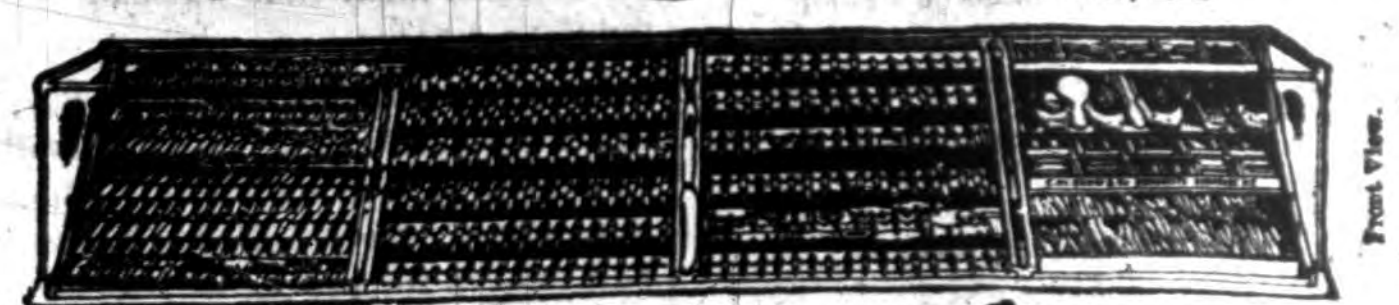
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